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Claim 17, replace "any of claims 1-16" with --claim 1--.

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Claim 18, replace "any of claims 1-16" with --claim 1--.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Page 4, line 11, replace "(**patent CD28 Tam**)" with "(See PCT/US96/01507, filed August 30, 1996)".

Page 5, replace the first paragraph under the heading "SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION" with the following paragraph:

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The present invention provides aptamers having a length of between about 12 and 22 nucleic acid units, inclusive, and a sequence which includes at least two G-rich regions selected from the group consisting of GGnG, GGGG, GnGG, nGGG and GGGn, where G is guanidine and n is any nucleotide.

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Page 5, line 24, delete the words "are provided" at the end of the first sentence.

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Page 7, line 3, replace "which" with "that".

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Page 7, line 29, insert "and" before "therefore do not encounter . . ."

Page 9, line 15, replace the sentence which begins, "Equipment for such synthesis . . ." with the following sentence:

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Several vendors including Applied Biosystems sell equipment for such synthesis.

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Page 9, line 34, replace "less" with "fewer".

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Page 9, line 35, delete "A" and replace "segment" with "segments".

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Page 9, line 36, replace "is" with "are".

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Page 18, line 16, replace "thus inhibit" with "which inhibits".

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Page 18, line 17, replace "decrease" with "decreases".